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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 660

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Senator John Hicks and Mrs. Peggy Hicks on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1948, John Thomas Hicks and Peggy Joyce Tomlin were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day, this loving couple has shared the joys and sorrows of life's journey, facing the world as one; and

WHEREAS, the two lovebirds first met at Nashville's East High School when the dashing young Mr. Hicks returned from military service in World War II and re-enrolled in school; and

WHEREAS, after their grand nuptial event, Mr. Hicks worked during the daylight hours and attended the University of Tennessee-Nashville at night to earn his degree in accounting; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hicks was also a valuable member of the labor force, until she experienced real labor giving birth to their first child; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks opened his accounting firm in Donelson in 1958, and the family became proud residents of Donelson in 1960; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hicks was an extremely valuable assistant in the accounting firm, especially during tax season, and otherwise occupied herself by running the household and raising two children; and

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WHEREAS, in 1966, the good people of House District 60 in Davidson County expressed their confidence in John Hicks when they elected him to serve as their state representative; and

WHEREAS, their confidence was not misplaced, as Mr. Hicks served his constituents with the utmost probity, professionalism, integrity, and intelligence for ten years as a member of the House; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, John Hicks began his meritorious 16-year tenure in the state Senate, ably representing the 20th District which included some of the most rapidly growing areas of Davidson County—the Donelson, Hermitage, Old Hickory, Una-Antioch, Woodbine, Percy Priest and East Nashville communities; and

WHEREAS, overall, Senator Hicks served 26 exemplary years as a member of this General Assembly, distinguishing himself as a public servant of the first order; and

WHEREAS, he was active in many different areas, serving as Chairman of the Government Operations Committee and the Fiscal Review Committee, in which positions his leadership and determination were valued and admired assets; and

WHEREAS, he was an advocate for several issues that touched the lives of many citizens, not only in his district, but across the state as well. His commitment to senior citizens was exemplified by his chairing a study committee on Alzheimer's disease and his membership on the Tennessee Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply committed to mental health services and programs and was a major force in helping to improve conditions at the Clover Bottom Development Center in Donelson; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks truly forged a peerless career in the legislature by serving the interests of the people of Tennessee and by standing up for the issues he felt were of extreme importance to the betterment of this state; and

WHEREAS, John Hicks has also generously given of himself and his considerable talents to the great benefit of his community by means of his estimable service as a member of

the Nashville Electric Service Board, the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts of America, McKendree Manor, Donelson Hospital and the Tennessee Association of Public Accountants, which he astutely served as President; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks sold their accounting firm; in 1992, John Hicks retired from the Senate and he and Peggy embarked upon a prodigious world tour, which is still ongoing and which has so far included sojourns in Europe, Taiwan, Hawaii, Alaska and various ports o'call throughout the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, as they bask in the contentment of their much deserved retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks enjoy visiting with old Navy buddies, researching the family's genealogy, visiting with their grandchildren and playing sports; and

WHEREAS, John and Peggy Hicks have been active and devout members of the Donelson Heights Methodist Church for nearly forty years; and

WHEREAS, the Hicks are indeed fortunate to share love and companionship with their daughter and son-in-law, Donna and Terry Baskin; their son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Mary Hicks; and their five wonderful grandchildren, Kristan, Jamie, Lauren, Jay and Tracy; and

WHEREAS, their bountiful record of achievement in public service and in the private sector aside, Senator and Mrs. Hicks consider their greatest accomplishment to be their children and grandchildren, who faithfully describe John and Peggy as "the most loving and giving parents and grandparents ever"; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, their union has endured to stand as a testament to the power of love and family; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Hicks' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Senator John Hicks and Mrs.

Peggy Hicks as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.